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The Honorable Gerald B. Solomon
Member of Congress
24th District, New York
Gaslight Square
Saratoga Springs, N.Y. 12866

RE: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Mr. Solomon:

I have been involved with radio control model cars for about six years and have approximately \$7,000. invested.

I am concerned about proposed rules under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). These rules are PR Docket 92-235. If adopted as currently proposed, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies reserved for model use and increase the risk of accidents and operator liability for controlling R/C models.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch. The radio control frequencies in this band are spaced far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The FCC is proposing to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidth and rearranging the bands. This will result in the mobile frequencies moving closer to the R/C frequencies and cause interference to R/C operation.

As operators of radio control models we are very careful to insure the safety of all bystanders and personal property. This involves coordinating the use of radio control frequencies. If the number of available frequencies is decreased as proposed by the FCC, those remaining will become congested and our margin of safety will be reduced.

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The cars we run weigh about 5 lbs and are capable of speeds up to 40 MPH. Airplanes can weigh as much as 40 lbs and fly to 50 MPH or more. They are capable of causing serious injury and property damage if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the model.

I think the FCC doesn't consider model frequencies as important as those intended for business, but we have considerable investments in time, money and radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people. I realize more land frequencies may be needed, but they should be kept with other communication frequencies.

I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THE FCC PROPOSAL as it exists now, for the continued safety of the hobby.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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